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6-30-03**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Dias et al.

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For: REAL-TIME SHARED DISK SYSTEM FOR  
COMPUTER CLUSTERS

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Examiner: Namazi

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June 30, 2003  
750 B STREET, Suite 3120  
San Diego, CA 92101**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) A computer system including plural client nodes communicating data access requests to one or more storage nodes, comprising:
- logic means for associating one or more of the data access requests with respective priorities, wherein the priorities include time-based deadlines;
- logic means for sending the data access requests and priorities to the storage nodes; and

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